

Beckington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Draft Vision and Objectives



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- **Landscape, Built Environment, Heritage, Character and Heritage Objectives**
- **Housing Development and Design Objectives**

Vision

Beckington Parish will be a thriving, friendly and inclusive rural local community and a tranquil and attractive place to live, work and visit. The historic rural setting and rich traditional character of Beckington village, the hamlet of Rudge and part of Standerwick will have been conserved retaining their unique charm.

New sustainable housing development will have met local requirements promoting our development as a compact and sustainable community.

The parish will increasingly recognise the impact of climate change and the need for sustainable upgrades and environmental solutions.

Objectives

Landscape, Built Environment, Heritage, Character and Heritage

Development, whether traditional or contemporary, should protect and enhance the traditional rural and historical character of the parish.

New Development should integrate well with its historical architectural character, particularly within the Conservation Area which contributes so much to the character of Beckington village.

The valued countryside views from the approaches to, and from within, the settlements should be protected and not adversely affected by development.

New development should reflect the best of the local vernacular, utilising varied designs and local materials to retain, or enhance with innovative design, the distinctive character of the built environment.

New development should seek to improve and enhance foot and cycle paths through and around the village including those with links to the MacMillan Way and the River Frome valley.

Existing facilities and areas of important local green space should be safeguarded for current and future generations. The parish should gain public green space proportionate to the scale of any new development.

The Best and Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land surrounding settlements in the parish should be protected.

Development should protect and where possible supplement areas of key habitats, particularly those that support endangered species.

New development must be supported by appropriate infrastructure to avoid damage to the Environment.

The parish should gain community facilities including public green space proportionate to the scale of any new development.

Housing Development and Design

The location, nature, scale and layout of development of new housing should maintain the rural character of the parish, which contributes to its friendly, village feel.

New development should reflect the best of the local vernacular, utilising varied designs and local materials to retain, or enhance with innovative design, the distinctive character of the built environment.

Future development should provide sufficient sustainable housing stock to maintain a diverse community, including small starter homes, affordable housing and homes for the elderly.

Development applications should take into account and be assessed against the guidelines and codes contained in the Design Guidance and Codes report that forms part of the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Drainage and sewerage infrastructure should be fully capable of assimilating any new development and mitigate any pre-existing over-capacity issues.

Additional traffic resulting from any new development should be mitigated by appropriate road/junction upgrades within the village and interconnectors to the A36 and A361.

Suitable off-road parking for residents and visitors should be provided for every new dwelling.

Any new development should be accompanied by appropriate new or upgraded infrastructure and community facilities.

Energy efficient technologies should be incorporated into both existing and new buildings to contribute to a more sustainable environment.